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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO TERRORIST INCIDENT IN

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- 1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT IN MY MEETING OF YESTERDAY WITH FONMIN KAMEL, HE GAVE ME "WARNING" TO BE CONVEYED TO ISRAEL NOT TO RETALIATE FOR TERRORIST INCIDENT. I GATHER BBC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES HAVE PICKED THIS UP.
- 2. AS SHOULD BE CLEAR FROM REFTEL, KAMEL CONVEYED NO RPT NO SUCH "WARNING". ON THE CONTRARY, HE RATHER EXPECTED ISRAELI RETALIATION AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IT WILL PROBABLY BE SEVERE. HE HOPED ISRAELIS WOULD NOT DO SO, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH RESTRAINT IS UNLIKELY. AT NO TIME DID HE CONVEY ANYTHING THAT WOULD EVEN SOUND LIKE A "WARNING" TO ISRAEL TO DESIST FROM RETALIATION. SECRET

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3. COMMENT: I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT MFA PRESS SPOKESMAN, IN BRIEFING PRESS AFTER OUR MEETING, DECIDED TO PUT A LITTLE BIT OF GLOSS ON WHAT KAMEL IN FACT SAID TO ME IN AN EFFORT TO TRY TO POLISH EGYPT'S SOMEWHAT TARNISHED IMAGE IN ARAB WORLD. EILTS

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